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**ACI Alliance Task Force Guidelines Papers Win Ear & Hearing Readers’ Choice Award**

**Washington, D.C.**: Three ACI Alliance Task Force papers were awarded the *Ear & Hearing* Readers’ Choice Award on Friday, March 3rd at the American Auditory Society annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Readers’ Choice Award is given to the articles that have been accessed most often on the journal website and/or through the on-line portal.

*Ear & Hearing* published the three papers by ACI Alliance Task Forces on CI candidacy and management in 2022. The Task Forces were assembled to provide clarity on candidacy determination for adults and children with bilateral or single-sided deafness. The important collaborative work of the task forces is vital in expanding understanding of cochlear implant candidacy determination and management in various populations. The papers were endorsed by the American Academy of Audiology after a rigorous review by that organization.

The three papers to receive the awards are:

- **American Cochlear Implant Alliance Task Force Guidelines for Clinical Assessment and Management of Cochlear Implantation in Children With Single-Sided Deafness**, Authored by Lisa R. Park; Amanda M. Griffin; Douglas P. Sladen; Sara Neumann; Nancy M. Young

- **American Cochlear Implant Alliance Task Force Guidelines for Determining Cochlear Implant Candidacy in Children**, Authored by Andrea D. Warner-Czyz; Thomas J. Roland Jr; Denise Thomas; Kristin Uhler; Lindsay Zombek

- **American Cochlear Implant Alliance Task Force Guidelines for Clinical Assessment and Management of Cochlear Implantation in Adults With Single-Sided Deafness**, Authored by Margaret T. Dillon; Armine Kocharyan; Ghazal S. Daher; Matthew L. Carlson; William H. Shapiro; Hillary A. Snapp; Jill B. Firszt

The three papers, along with shareable infographics on key findings, are available on the ACI Alliance website.

ACI Alliance is a not-for-profit membership organization created with the purpose of eliminating barriers to cochlear implantation by sponsoring research, driving heightened awareness, and advocating for improved access to cochlear implants for patients of all ages across the US.

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